

District and Founder of The Creativity Lab of Colorado. He is a published author and frequent speaker on entrepreneurship and community engagement. He led the grassroots campaign for the petition drive and successful special election that formed the Lakewood-W. Colfax BID and championed the formation of a new arts district along West Colfax, now one of 21 state-certified creative districts in Colorado.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Bill Marino for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I recently was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call 64 and 66.

CELEBRATING THE 92ND BIRTHDAY OF NEWTON MINOW

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to acknowledge the 92nd birthday of a great American, an innovative public servant, and a person I am proud to call my friend and mentor, Newton Minow.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 17, 1926, Newt was the child of immigrant parents who stressed the virtues of hard work, integrity and public service. He went on to serve on the Indian subcontinent in the Second World War as a Sergeant in the United States Army, and then to Northwestern Law School and a clerkship for United States Supreme Court Justice Fred Vinson.

Newt's career spans a period of unparalleled transformation in the way our world shares information, and his influence on the evolution of media and broadcasting is difficult to overstate. Although he may be best known for his service as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and his oft-quoted "vast wasteland" speech, Newt had a hand in the development of the transistors that power modern computing, satellites that make global communication possible, and served as chairman of the board of governors of the Public Broadcasting Service and co-chair and vice-chair of the Commission on Presidential Debates. His intense focus on reserving broadcast spectrum to serve the public interest has shaped the development of media, public television and radio to the benefit of our democracy and our national dialogue.

Newt's service to his community extends well beyond government. In addition to his work as a successful attorney, Newt has served on the boards of business enterprises and in key leadership positions for important not-for-profit institutions including the Rand Corporation, the Carnegie Corporation, the Mayo Foundation, Northwestern University,

the University of Notre Dame and the Chicago Orchestral Association.

In 2016, Newt's extraordinary service to his country was recognized by President Obama with the award of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Newt would be the first to say that his greatest achievements have been his long, happy marriage to Josephine Baskin Minow, his wife of nearly 69 years, and his daughters Nell, Martha and Mary—all highly successful women who each through their own work have added so much to the national good.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of Newt's countless friends and admirers, and on behalf of the United States Congress and a grateful nation, I want to say thank you to Newton N. Minow for all that he has done and continues to do for the people of the United States, and extend my best wishes for a happy, healthy and productive 93rd year. As his beloved Josephine often remarks, "the best is yet to be."

JOHN SAMPA NAMED COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR FOR THE U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John Sampa, of Katy, TX, on his new assignment as Command Sergeant Major for the U.S. Army National Guard.

Sampa will be the twelfth person, and first African-American to serve as Command Sergeant Major for the Army National Guard. He will be the "eyes and ears" for Lieutenant General Timothy J. Kadavy, who handpicked him to serve as his advisor. Previously he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the Texas Military Department. Sampa is also a Texas State Trooper.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Command Sergeant Major John Sampa. I thank him for his service and sacrifice.

HONORING ERIN FOREMAN

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Erin Foreman of Forked River has just been named one of the top honorees in New Jersey by The 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Foreman is being recognized for her program that provides seniors and people with serious medical conditions with lock boxes to give first responders easy access to their house keys.

It's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think

more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Foreman are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 23 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored more than 120,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Ms. Foreman should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this, year's program. I heartily applaud Ms. Foreman for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, February 9, 2018, I was not present for two votes due to an unavoidable delay. If I had been present, I would have voted:

On Roll Call vote 67, on Ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted Nay.

On Roll Call vote 68, agreeing to H. Res. 734, I would have voted Nay.

SALUTING THE HEROIC ACTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT, PALM BAY, FL

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on February 21, 2018, the City of Palm Bay will recognize the courage and bravery of the city's law enforcement officers and civilians during their annual Valor Award's Ceremony to be held at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place in Melbourne, FL. Over two hundred law enforcement officials and civilian employees make up the City of Palm Bay's police department.

The 160 sworn officers, and all the men and women that make up the Palm Bay Police Department, lay down their lives on a daily basis as peacekeepers, maintaining law and order